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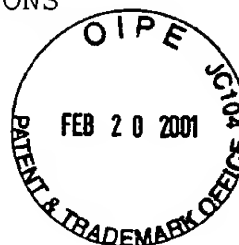
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2000 (Paper No. 3), please reconsider the rejected claims in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 are pending in the application. All claims have been rejected.

Claims 1 to 13 and 18 to 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,032,408 to Schrueder. In particular, the Action urges that the Schrueder patent discloses treatment of skin conditions such as cellulitis and striae. Treatment compositions of this patent provide paraffinic oils and esters of unsaturated natural fatty acids and fatty alcohols derived from various natural sources, including perilla oil.

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